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TO AMEMBASSY QUITO

INFO AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL

AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

AMEMBASSY CARACAS

DEA

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TA: OGEN, SNAR, EC

SUBJECT: OPRED - JUSTICE/DEA REQUEST FOR INCREASED OVERSEAS
STAFFING

REF: QUITO 5581, 5640

1. DEPARTMENT REGRETS THAT CONFUSION HAS ARISEN CONCERNING
DEA'S AUTHORIZED LEVEL OF OFFICER POSITIONS IN QUITO AND
WILL ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY SITUATION AND INDICATE THE
PROBABLE SOURCE OF THE CONFUSION. OPRED STAFF RECORDS SHOW
THAT THE PRESENTLY AUTHORIZED TOTAL US STAFFING FOR DEA IN
ECUADOR IS AS FOLLOWS:

-----OFFICER (AGENTS, INTELLIGENCE OFFICER) CLERICAL

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GUAYAQUIL	2	-----	-----	-----	1
TOTALS:	6	-----	-----	-----	2

THE THREE POSITIONS FOR GUAYAQUIL AND THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER POSITION WERE AUTHORIZED DURING 1974.

2. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT THE DISCREPANCY (4 OFFICERS VERSUS 3 IN QUITO) CAN BE ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS: PRIOR

TO ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEA ON JULY 1, 1973, ITS PREDECESSOR ORGANIZATION WAS AUTHORIZED TWO OFFICERS POSITIONS IN QUITO. THE EMBASSY MAY RECALL THAT THE PRESIDENT'S REORGANIZATION PLAN NO. 2 WHICH ESTABLISHED DEA REMOVED THE NARCOTICS FUNCTION FROM CUSTOMS AND ASSIGNED IT TO DEA. WITH THIS SHIFT IN FUNCTION, SOME 30 CUSTOMS AGENTS WORLD-WIDE WERE TRANSFERRED TO DEA. THIS TRANSFER INCLUDED ONE POSITION IN QUITO THUS RAISING THE DEA OFFICER CEILING THERE TO THREE AS OF JULY 1, 1973.

4. IF THIS EXPLANATION STILL LEAVES UNANSWERED QUESTIONS PLEASE LET US KNOW. DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE ON THE DEA AUTHORIZED CEILING, SINCE IT IS ONE MORE THAN YOU BELIEVED IT TO BE. KISSINGER

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